Incentive schemes for National Hydro Power Corporation Employees

1444. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incentive schemes drawn by the National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) for the years 1983-84 to 1986-87 for the employees upto the scale of Rs. 425—800 were linked to Dearness Allowance pattern;

(b) if so, whether this policy has been followed by Government side also; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for non-payment of the incentives to the NHPC employees in the scale of Rs. 550—900 and above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (c) The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) had formulated two Productivity Linked Incentive Schemes for its employees which, it was envisaged, would be valid initially for two years from 1.4.1985. It was also envisaged that a lump-sum award could be paid to the employees for 1983-84 and 1984-85. The scheme and the lumpsum payment were applicable to the employees of the Corporation who have accepted the Industrial DA pattern and, accordingly, these benefits were made available to the NHPC employees in the scales upto Rs. 425—800, who are on the Industrial DA pattern. The benefits of these schemes will also become available to the employees of NHPC in the scale of Rs. 550—900 and above when they accept the Industrial DA pattern.

(b) Does not arise since there is only one pattern of dearness allowance applicable to Central Government employees.

Mining operations by ECL in the areas owned by the West Bengal Government

1445. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have given permission to ECL to carry out its mining operations without taking permission from respective State Governments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how the ECL is carrying out its mining operations in the areas owned by the West Bengal Government and against which the State Government of West Bengal has raised objections?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) While Eastern Coalfields Limited has been carrying on mining operations only on lands for which it holds mining leases, a dispute has arisen between the Company and the West Bengal Government over mining operations in Mangalpur Mauja. This matter is *sub-judice*.

गुजरात में लिग्नाइट का उत्पादन

1446. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग:** क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने गुजरात के लिग्नाइट के संसाधनों के अन्वेषण और दोहन के प्रश्न का अध्ययन करने के लिए कोई कार्यकारी दल गठित किया था। और

(ख) क्या कार्यकारी दल ने अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?